

OPINION 2098 (Case 3239)***Geostiba* Thomson, 1858 (Insecta, Coleoptera): conserved**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the generic name *Geostiba* Thomson, 1858, for a group of Holarctic and Oriental rove beetles, is conserved. The name was threatened by the limited use of the senior objective synonym, *Evanystes* Gistel, 1856, which is suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is ruled that the generic name *Evanystes* Gistel, 1856 is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *Geostiba* Thomson, 1858 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Aleochara circellaris* Gravenhorst, 1806, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *circellaris* Gravenhorst, 1806, as published in the binomen *Aleochara circellaris* (specific name of the type species of *Geostiba* Thomson, 1858), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (4) The name *Evanystes* Gistel, 1856, as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3239

An application to conserve the generic name *Geostiba* Thomson, 1858 for a well-known genus of Holarctic and Oriental rove beetles (family STAPHYLINIDAE, subfamily ALEOCHARINAE) threatened by limited use of the senior objective synonym *Evanystes* Gistel, 1856 was received from V.I. Gusarov (*Division of Entomology, Natural History Museum, University of Kansas, Lawrence, U.S.A. and Department of Entomology, St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg 199034, Russia*). After correspondence the case was published in BZN 60: 28–30 (March 2003). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 2004 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 60: 29. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2004 the votes were as follows: 21 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 3 Commissioners voted AGAINST, Ng was on leave of absence.

Voting against, Štys commented on the unequal reference to the usage of the two names in this application.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

circellaris, *Aleochara*, Gravenhorst, 1806, *Monographia Coleopterorum Micropterorum*, p. 155.

Evanystes Gistel, 1856, *Die Mysterien der Europäischen Insectenwelt*, p. 387.

Geostiba Thomson, 1858, *Öfversigt af Kongl. Vetenskaps-Akademiens Förhandlingar*, **15**: 33.